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## NOTICE.

THE TIME HAS COME WHEN ALL THE NURSES POSSIBLE TO GET WILL BE NEEDED IN THE CITY OF CARLSBAD AND ALL WHO ARE ABLE TO VOLUNTEER THEIR SERVICES AS NURSES DURING THIS PROSPECTIVE EPIDEMIC WILL NOTIFY THE CENTRAL NURSING COMMITTEE, C. C. LEWIS, CHAIRMAN.

## HEALTH BOARD FORBIDS PUBLIC GATHERINGS

The Conditions in Vicinity of Carlsbad Make Closing of Schools, Churches, Picture Shows, Dances, Etc., Necessary.

Flu has cropped out again in Carlsbad, and the Eddy County Board of Health has promptly put the lid down on public gatherings of all kinds. The public schools of the city were closed Thursday at noon, and there will be no more picture shows, church services, Sunday schools, theatres, dances or such like in the city until the order is rescinded.

Increasing reports of flu made this step necessary as a measure of precaution. The report of the board of Health follows:

Proceedings of the Eddy County Board of Health held February 5th, at 10 A. M., in the Court House.

After hearing the report of the County Health Officer, Dr. L. H. Pate, as to the flu conditions in the city and vicinity of Carlsbad and the report of the City Superintendent of Schools, Prof. W. A. Moore, the County Board of Health do hereby order the County Health Officer to at once close until further notice all schools, churches and Sunday schools, picture shows and theatres, dances and all public gatherings. The above motion carried unanimously.

It is hoped by the County Board of Health by taking this action at this time that we may prevent the recurrence of such an awful epidemic of "flu" as we passed through a little over a year ago. The Board of Health, realizing that at this time there is no serious epidemic, however, profiting by experience of a year ago, it was deemed advisable to take all precaution possible in advance to avoid any such recurrence and it is the desire of the County Board of Health that all citizens will co-operate in this matter and by so doing, the situation will be very readily relieved and all business and schools may continue in a very short time as under normal conditions.

Parents of children who are out of school are also advised to see to it that the children are kept off of the main streets of the city as much as possible. While this is not an order by the County Board of Health, yet by so doing, you will assist very materially in stopping the spread of this disease and it is not the desire of the County Board of Health to issue such an order, however, if

County Supt. Brinton Warns Teachers on "Flu" Preventatives.

Carlsbad, N. M., Feb. 5.—To teachers and secretaries of school boards of Eddy County:

There seems to be some indications of a possible epidemic of the "flu" again. Some cases have been reported from various parts of the county, and the general report is that the "flu" is now on the increase.

Teachers should be careful to note the condition of pupils in school, and if any cases or symptoms of the "flu" develop, the pupil or pupils should be sent home and the nearest health officer notified. No pupil should be excluded from school unless there is positive evidence that he is sick.

Secretaries of school boards should keep in touch with the health officer as to the feasibility of continuing or closing the school temporarily, and should an epidemic be threatened in the district, call a meeting of the school board and act upon the advice of the health officer.

The teacher should report the health conditions of the district to the County Superintendent every few days and should not close the school unless directed so to do by the health officer or the proper school official.

Common colds should not be considered as a cause for any scare in a community, and boards of school directors should not consider closing the schools from any threatened epidemic unless advised to do so by the proper health officer.

Teachers should guard the health of the children and should take every precaution to prevent an epidemic.

As a matter of great importance in legal action concerning the continuance of schools in any district, the teacher should keep this office informed as to the health conditions, and should the proper legal health officer of any district order the school closed, it should be closed and the County Superintendent notified.

Very respectfully yours,  
GEO. M. BRINTON, Co. Supt.

Officers for Cemetery Chosen.

A meeting of Carlsbad Cemetery board was held Wednesday evening at four o'clock at the commissioners' room in the court house. The meeting was for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and the following were chosen:

President—Dr. R. J. Boatman.  
Vice-president—Mrs. F. E. Little.  
Secretary—D. M. Jackson.  
Treasurer—R. M. Thorne.

A finance committee was appointed to solicit funds among the business and professional men of the town and also a membership committee to secure members. Both committees will hold a joint meeting next Wednesday at 4 P. M. in the commissioners' room when it is hoped plans may be perfected looking toward a general systematizing of the work of this important organization.

The disease continues to spread and ripens into a real epidemic, then and in that case such an order will be issued. However, it is the feeling of the Board of Health that if everyone co-operates in this matter, it will not be necessary to take any further action and only a few days will elapse until all business will be running under normal conditions.

EDDY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

By M. C. Stewart,  
Vice-Chairman.  
By W. F. McVain,  
Secretary.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT GLOBE PLASTER AND MINING COMPANY'S PLANT.

Big Plant Is Totally Destroyed by Fire While Men Stand Helpless to Check Flames.

Fire broke out in the Globe Plaster and Mining company at Oriental, about eleven miles north of here, Saturday night, about 7 o'clock, the entire mill being consumed. The fire, when first discovered, was in the top of the three-story building and very little could be done to check the flames, the fire-fighting apparatus being on the inside of the building, and the force pump being located in the engine room. The flames spread so rapidly that it became impossible to stay in the building. The building was a three-story structure, 50x270 feet, and was totally destroyed together with the machinery and supplies. The company has been doing an immense business, employing twenty-four men and being three months behind on their orders, owing to car shortage, and lack of transportation for supplies used in the manufacture and shipment of their finished product.

The general office is in Kansas City, the Commerce Trust Company having control of the plant, and until the president arrives in the city, which will be tomorrow, according to a telegram received by F. E. Hubert, manager, the amount of the loss will not be known, or whether the company will rebuild. It would be a great loss to Eddy County should they abandon the plant. Manager Hubert has no theory to account for the conflagration—the cause being unknown, and one of the things no one is able to account for.

OPINION HANDLED DOWN BY SUPREME COURT.

Francisco Alzarray, appellant, Primo Oquariz, et al., appellees; Eddy county, No. 2567.

This is a suit to quiet title brought by the appellant against the appellee, and unknown claimants of an interest in certain property sold to the appellant at a tax sale. Judgment was obtained by default. Appellee filed motion to set aside default judgment, which motion was overruled on the ground that it was not filed within 60 days from the date of the entry of judgment, as required by law. Subsequently a second motion to set aside was filed on the ground that before entering judgment, appellant had failed to file an affidavit showing the fact that the defendant, Oquariz, was not in the military service of the United States as is required by 40 Statute at Large. This motion was sustained by the court and default judgment was set aside. From the order setting aside default judgment this appeal is taken.

Judgment of the court below reversed. The provisions of the soldiers' and sailors' relief act of March 3, 1918, 40 Statute at Large, chapter 30, article 2, section 209 U. S. Code, Stat. 1918, par. 2078 1-4bb, requiring the plaintiff before entry of judgment against a defendant in default, to file an affidavit that defendant is not in the military service, does not entitle the defendant who was not in such service, to set aside a default judgment against him, where such affidavit was not filed before default judgment was taken.

Such failure by the plaintiff to file such affidavit before taking default judgment is not an irregularity for which judgment may be set aside under section 4230 comp. 1915.

Opinion by Justice Reynolds, Chief Justice Parker and Justice Roberts concurring.

VALUATIONS ON LAND AND LIVESTOCK FIXED.

Santa Fe.—The state tax commission has fixed valuations on grazing lands and livestock throughout New Mexico for the present year. Grazing lands are valued at from \$2.35 per acre to \$3.75 per acre, depending on their location. The valuation in Grant county is \$3 per acre and in Luna and Hidalgo counties, \$2.75 per acre.

The tax commission has fixed valuations on cattle at \$23.50 for calves and yearlings of ordinary range and pasture stock to \$57.90 per head for thoroughbred or registered stock, and \$36.90 for the highest grade of improved or dairy cow.

Sheep range from \$5.25 to \$7.75 per head and rams from \$17.50 to \$21.90. Goats range from \$3.15 to \$21.90 and swine from \$1 to \$20, while horses are graded from \$15 for common range stock to \$150; Shetland ponies \$35; burros \$1 and stallions from \$139 to \$475 a head, while mules range from \$47.50 to \$475 for registered jacks.

TERM HONOR ROLL FOR HIGH SCHOOL.

SENIORS: Fancher Bell, Pardue Rosser, Clarence Horne.  
JUNIORS: Mary Lee Pond, Lillie May Nelson, Inez Mylius, Vera Calvan, Chardee Rosson.  
SOPHOMORES: Ed. Rosson, Orion Wesley.  
FRESHMEN: Georgiana Galton, Herbert Hiltson, Ida Pearl Morris, Henrietta Dilley, Mary Frances Joyce.

SPECIAL SESSION OF STATE LEGISLATURE TO CON- VENE FEB. 10TH.

The call for the special session of the legislature was issued this week. The session will convene on February 10th. At least that was the statement made by the governor in Denver and he gave no intimation that the date would be changed.

What the call will include will not be known until after the meeting of the republican state executive committee. The governor has already announced that certain things will be included, but he has been delayed with requests for legislation on numerous subjects and what from these will be placed before the session will be decided at the meeting of the executive committee. The vital necessity of the matters suggested will be the test for their inclusion in the call.

The governor said that he had telegraphed George B. Craig, of Albuquerque, state chairman, asking him to call the meeting and it was supposed that the call had been issued since word that the meeting was to be held reached Santa Fe ahead of the governor's arrival.

The governor did not know whether or not the executive committee at the meeting would take steps looking to the calling of the state convention for the nomination of the state's delegates to the national convention in Chicago. His request that the meeting be called was based on the wish to discuss the legislative program with the executive committee before making the call.

COURT IS POSTPONED—GRAND AND PETIT JURORS FOR MARCH SELECTED.

Judge C. R. Brice and Judge Sam Bratton, of this fifth judicial district, are both confined to their beds and therefore the civil cases set for hearing this week have been postponed until the regular March term of court, which convenes the 9th prox. Because of the illness of both judges, Sheriff Hewitt and County Clerk D. Jackson were empowered to select the grand and petit jurors, which was done Monday with the following result:

Grand Jury.  
J. R. Ogden, W. H. Byrd, T. L. Loving, W. E. Scoggin, C. V. Rosson, Harry McGee, Arthur Hoose, Albert Blake, H. C. Kerr, R. B. Worley, F. H. Donahue, B. P. Williams, Joe Richards, R. V. Young, W. L. Reed, W. O. Weaver, Earl Kendall, J. L. Fanning, M. N. Cunningham, J. L. Crawford, Bob Richards, Troy Jenkins, George Frisch, C. D. Carl, C. J. Flowers, Tura Tarbutton.

Petit Jury.  
C. C. Tebbetts, C. Bert Smith, W. J. Ralph, E. R. Lang, Fred N. Fisher, Harry McKim, L. S. Prickett, Wesley Knowles, J. S. Crawford, Henry Tipton, J. D. Hudgins, W. J. Cushman, R. Ohnhusen, J. A. Hardy, W. E. Carter, F. W. Hendrickson, L. G. Ryan, A. D. Hill, W. F. Holloman, Charles Grammar, Frank Nymeyer, L. A. Rideout, John Lowry, Lewis Means, R. N. Hamblen, Geo. Spencer, C. A. Coll, C. C. Cass, Fred M. West, W. H. Merchant, Sam Hunter, J. C. Keller, J. L. Woodard, Adam Santo, R. T. Toffelmire, S. L. Perry.

W. C. T. U.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held in the Sunday school room in the rear of the Methodist church, Wednesday afternoon, February 11th at 3 o'clock. The program committee, Mesdames Bush, Prickett and Claude Wright, have prepared the following program for the meeting:

Hymn.  
Scripture reading.  
Prayer.  
Business session.  
Hymn.  
Response to Roll Call by Current Temperance Events.  
Instrumental solo, Mrs. Fison.  
Address, Mrs. Fisher, of Topeka, Kansas.  
Vocal solo, Mrs. Potte.  
Reading, Nannie Ives Little.  
Instrumental Duet, Misses Ida and Frieda Helise.  
Dismissal.  
All interested in temperance work whether members of the union or not are cordially invited to this meeting.

Mrs. Mary C. Dow, of Miami, Arizona, was called here by a telegram announcing the serious illness of Mrs. Robert C. Dow, and she arrived last night. Immediately on receiving the message the devoted mother took an automobile and made the trip of 250 miles hoping to reach El Paso in time to take the train there for JPeos and make connections with the train there for Carlsbad. Falling ill in that, she was compelled to lay over at El Paso, later coming to Carlsbad, as stated. It is a matter of extreme gratification that the Current is able to announce the improvement in Mrs. Dow's condition today.

Frank Barnett and Fred Rohmer returned Wednesday from the sulphur mines south of here, where they went to work a short time ago.

CHINAMEN INJURED BY FOOT- PADS IN CITY.

Highwaymen Knock Victim in Head and Flee Before Taking Time To Secure Money.

Quite an excitement prevailed in this city Monday evening over the attack by footpads, on one of our Chinese residents. "Buck," proprietor of the Silver Leaf Cafe, was proceeding to his room next door to the Chinese laundry, at about 8:30 Monday night, when he was struck in the head by some person unknown, just as he was opposite his own door. "Buck" screamed as he fell and parties nearby hastened to his assistance, frightening his assailant, who was seen running in the direction of the railroad, and a few minutes later, a man thought to be the same, was observed swinging on to the north-bound train.

The injured man did not recover for a day or two after the accident, he being rendered senseless by the blow, and at first thought it seemed he might not recover, but he has steadily improved.

Deputies at Artesia, acting under instructions from officers here, arrested a man believed to be connected with the crime, at Artesia, the same night. Later he was brought to Carlsbad and placed in jail. He gives the name of Valentine Kay.

The examining trial has not yet been held, but the time has been set for Monday at 10 o'clock. The motive for the attack was undoubtedly robbery.

DOCUMENTS FILED FOR RECORD WITH COUNTY CLERK.

As Compiled by the Eddy County Abstract Company.

Warranty Deed.—Jan. 30.—Frank M. Murchison, trustee, William A. Jones, \$80, 2 lots in North Dayton.

Mrs. Bertha Gunter; Mrs. Alice J. Harvey, Artesia real estate.

W. C. Furr; Jose Angeles Chaves, Artesia real estate.

George W. Cox, et al; A. F. Griet, real estate.

Mary C. Williams et vir; Jesse H. Waggoner, Dayton real estate.

Mary C. Williams et vir; Joe Nichols, Dayton real estate.

Mary C. Williams et vir; Thomas R. Bush, \$25, Dayton lots.

Mary C. Williams et vir; Dave Osborne, \$50 Dayton lot.

C. E. Puckett, et ux; J. M. Puckett.

J. M. Puckett et ux; and O. E. Puckett, land interests.

Roy B. Worley et ux; Christian F. Porter, \$250.00, land.

Alexander Van Valin; Emily L. Van Valin, land.

J. W. Reed, et ux; R. L. Smith, \$12,000, land and water rights.

The Peecos Valley Trust Co.; Searie Mata, \$150, Carlsbad lots.

L. G. Ryan et ux; Romolo Gomez, \$5500, land and water rights.

Quit Claim Deeds.

J. D. McAninch; Arthur R. Crozier.

Jacob Kircher, et ux; Mary Moore Kircher, Carlsbad lots, and land.

Assignment of Mortgage.

Hiland Southworth; Ella W. Southworth, \$3800.00, land.

Satisfaction of Mortgage.

Aetna Building Ass'n, of Las Vegas, N. M.; Andrew Gunter, lot.

Ella W. Southworth; H. C. Becket et ux, land at Hope.

Placer Location Notices.

The following recorded Placer Locations: E. A. Monroe, Glen T. Bruner, Frank E. Hutchison, John W. Bockwalter, Boyd U. Bents, H. T. Freeman, Mrs. J. H. Constable, S. H. Thomas, Arthur Vaughn, Edward S. Malone, J. A. Hood, D. F. Crumrine, Robert Earl Dowell, F. W. Davis, J. L. Lacey Smith.

U. S. of America; William E. Cass, U. S. of America; Arch D. Hill.

Assignment of Pet. & Gas Rights.

Julia Shapard; A. B. Harris, trustee, \$640, land.

Julia Shapard; W. L. Johnson, \$544, land.

Zora E. Robertson; Mrs. John H. Wood, \$480, land.

Zora E. Robertson; Luke L. Ballard, \$40, land.

Zora E. Robertson; Mrs. Elizabeth Hurley, \$40, land.

P. H. Diggle; Fred Pitt, 40 a.

Assignment of Leases.

Charles C. Holl; F. E. Beth & Co., \$1000.

H. T. Orcutt, assignee of W. Bridgeman; J. D. Atwood, \$100.

Deed.

The Union Mortgage & Investment Company; Roy B. Worley et ux., \$4529.00, land.

List your properties for sale with W. H. MERCHANT.

F. G. Tracy, Vice-Pres.

Annie L. Dalton, Secy.-Treas.

Lewis E. Alexander, Secy.-Treas.

ABSTRACTS AND CERTIFICATES OF TITLE

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## HI-LINE CANAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT MEMBERS HOLD MEETING

A meeting of the majority of the members of the Hi-Line canal irrigation district had a meeting last Tuesday afternoon in the court room at two o'clock for the purpose of further perfecting their organization looking to the building of a third reservoir and high line canal from which a large body of land lying west and southwest of Carlsbad will be irrigated.

The meeting was principally for the purpose of securing the signature of the different land owners in the irrigation district together with a legal description of their holdings. A resolution was also read and adopted which will be published later.

Before an irrigation district can be completed it is necessary to have a majority of the acreage in the proposed irrigation area signed up for irrigation purposes and those lands coming into the organization at a later date will be required to pay additional to the amount of 50 per cent of the present cost. The cost to land owners at this time is only ten cents an acre which will be used to defray the necessary expenses incidental to an organization of this kind.

There are two ways by which the water and irrigation works may be secured for irrigating these lands which are as good as any in this section of the state. One plan is to get the United States reclamation service to put in the works as an additional unit of the Carlsbad project and this is decidedly the best plan. It is also the one most favored by a majority of the land owners. The other way is for the land owners to put up their land as security under the new state law, issue bonds which the state will guarantee, allowing five years in which to pay the bonds off. This plan will be resorted to in case it is impossible to get the reclamation service, to build the reservoir and canal.

The record made by the reclamation service on this project proves conclusively that it is better for the government to handle irrigation works. The crops raised the past year exceeds the entire cost of the Carlsbad project and a period of twenty years is being given the farmers in which to pay construction charges.

Attention is called to the notice of the Board of Health closing the schools, churches and all places of public gathering because of the prevalence of "flu" in the city. This move by the board is very commendable and is sanctioned by all who are conversant with the condition of affairs at this time. A telegram was received Wednesday from the State commissioner of public health, C. E. Waller, of Albuquerque, offering any assistance from the state board that might be necessary, but at this time it looks as tho' no outside help will be needed.

John V. Hepler, assistant county agent leader, is in the county this week from State College assisting County Agent Smith in organizing Farm Bureaus in different communities throughout the county. Meetings were held on Monday at Hope and Cottonwood and on Tuesday at Artesia and Atoka. The latter part of the week they will spend in the lower valley and attend to the clerical part of the business in the county agent's office in this city. Much interest is shown in the different localities, the attendance being good and a degree of enthusiasm shown which will no doubt redound to the benefit of all who attend.

Prof. George M. Brinton returned from an official visit to the schools of Artesia and the rural schools in the northern part of the county. He reports everything moving on nicely in that section, enrollment good, and interest up to the mark.

A. H. Barron, of Rio Vista, accompanied by his mother, left for the home of the latter, forty-five miles out on the plains, this week, going in a wagon. The mother, who is about eighty years of age, lives alone, and attends to her household duties with as much ease as women half her age.

At Your Service

The National Bank of Carlsbad



WE PAY FOUR PER CENT INTEREST ON TIME OR SAVINGS DEPOSITS